DEMAND

Of the House of

COMMONS,

Concerning those Members who were Accused of high Treason, *Jan.* 4. 1641.

With Mr. Speakers Reply unto the said Demand.

Also the occasion of his Majesties comming to *Guild Hall* on *Wednesday*, with the Conference betweene his Majesty and the Lord Major, concerning these present Tumults in the Citie.

WITH

His Maiesties Speech in

Guild-Hall, to the Court of Aldermen and Common Councell of the City of *London*.

Whereunto is added an Order or Protestation of the Grand Committees of both Houses of Parliament in *Guild-Hall*, concerning the protection of the Members of the House of Commons accused of high Treason.

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Concerning the Subsidies who were

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His Majesties Speech in

Guild-Hall to the Court of Aldermen and Com-
mon Council of the City of London.

Wednesday the Day of Proclamation of the Grand
Christmas. Parliament in Print.

Hall, concerning the protection of the Members
of the House of Commons attacked of
high Treason.

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His Majesties comming to the house of Commons.

Vpon Tuesday last being the 4. of *Jan.* his Majesty came himselfe in person unto the House of Commons and desired to know the reason why his command concerning those Members who he had accused of Treason, was disobey'd, and withall did demand to have them imprisoned, Vnto which Demand Mr. Speaker thus Replyed.

May it please your most gracious Majestie,

I Hope there are none here of such contumacious and disobedient Spirits, who will any way endeavour to deprive your Majesty of the least Priviledge that shall belong unto your Sacred Person, but with a most vnited affection will labour to propagate & enlarge the extent of your authority. J doe believe that there are none within the number of this Assembly, but very well know, that the glory of the Subject consists in the amplitude of the Kings Honours, and Power: Jt hath pleased your Majesty to accuse some Members of this House, and to attaint them as guilty of Treason against your Royall selfe and this your Kingdomes: Let your Highnesse be pleased to vnderstand that we are so farre from defending those whom your Majesty hath accused, that we will with all severity, Justice will permit, and without respect vnto their persons, examine the truth, and be ready to prosecute the cause so farre as it shall deserve. Onely let your Majesty be pleased to vouchsafe this liberty vnto your most Loyall Subjects here now assembled in Parliament. That you would be pleased

fed to accept of ſuch Bayle as the Aſſembly ſhall tender unto your Highneſſe, which ſhall be the perſons of this whole Aſſembly, and that thoſe who ſtand thus accuſed, may with all convenient ſpeed have their tryall according to the Lawes and Cuſtomes of this Kingdome. Let your Highneſſe be pleaſed to vnderſtand, that thoſe, who are thus accuſed deſire no delay nor protraction of time, but moſt ſeriouſly beſeech your Majeſty that they may forthwith be called to give in their anſwer, and make their defence. For we all know, that by theſe and the like ſudden diſtractions, the proceedings of the more waighty and ſerious affayres of this Kingdowe are much prohibited and ſtayd, and we thinke it moſt neceſſary and convenient that all Rubs and ſtayes ſhould be taken away, that ſo we may chearfully and ſpeedily proceed, both to the content of your Majeſty, and ſatisfaction to the Subject. I hope your Majeſty will be pleaſed graciouſly to conſider of theſe Premiſſes, wherein I hope nothing hath bin ſpoke either to the prejudice of your Royall authority, or the infringing of your Majeſties power or Prerogotive.

The occaſion of his Majeſties comming to Guild-Hall on Wedneſday laſt the fift of Jan. and the Conference between his Majeſty, the Lord Major, the Court of Aldermen, and the Common Councell.

ON Wedneſday laſt in the morning his Majeſty tooke Coach and went from his Pallace of *Whitehall* unto the Tower, and from thence ſent unto the Lord Major that he ſhould with the Aldermen and Common Councell of this City attend his Majeſty at *Guild-hall*, at 3. of the clock his Majeſty that day

day dined with Aldermen [illegible] to his appointment went to *Guildhall*, whose coming was attended with great multitudes of people, who thronged in the yard to satisfie their expectation, to understand the cause of his Majesties coming all armed.

As soone as his Majesty entred the Hall and had taken possession of the place prepared for him, he moved the Lord Major to satisfy him of the whole cause of the tumultuous risings and uproares of the Citizens, which had much disquieted the whole Kingdome, and withall telling of late them that his desire was to governe them as King, and not like a Tyrant, endeavouring rather to winne their obedience by love, then to compell them by feare. The Lord Major Replyed that so farre forth as he could understand the great and generall cause of discontent arose from the distraction and unsetled state in Religion, that they complayn'd of the pride of the Bishops and the unsetled forme in Divine Service, that their soules and consciences were much captiuated with innovations brought into the Church, and that the feare of the introduction of the Romish Religion did stirre and move them to this outrage. In fine he told his Majesty, that considering this present Parliament had now sate above a whole yeare, yet nothing was concluded of, or enacted to the Reformation of the abuses, with which the Subject was much agrieved whereby in this City especially, but throughout the whole Kingdome generally there was a decay of trading, so that many have bin enforced to leave of their calling, and have by this meanes bin undone, both themselves and their whole Families. His Majesty at the first hearing of this Relation seemed much troubled, but after some small pawse he recollected himselfe, and replyed unto the Lord Major; that all these things should have speedy remedy, that the Citizens should have satisfaction so farre forth as their Demands were reasonable, and withall told them that were there present, that he would referre himselfe and the ordering

ring of all affayres wholly vnto the care, and iudgement of the Parliament, with all telling them, that whatsoever they should conclude of that he would ratifie and confirme: No sooner did this Reply come to their eares, who waited in the Yard to vnderstand the conclusion of this Conference, but that they gave a great shoote, and made a loud acclamation of ioy, and so departed peaceably vnto their owne Houses, as men well satisfied and contented, and so presently after his Majesty, and those who did there attend him to Coach, and went to *Whitehall*,

His Majesties Speech at *Guild-hall* to the Court of Aldermen and Common Councell of the City of *London*, *Ian.* 5. 1641.

Gentlemen,

I Am come to demand such Prisoners as I have already attainted of high Treason, and doe believe they are shrouded in the City, I hope no good man will keepe them from me, their offences are Treason and misdemeanors of a high nature, I desire your louing assistance herein, that they may be brought to a legall triall.

And whereas there are divers suspitions raysed that I am a favourer of the Popish Religion, I doe professe in the name of a King, that I did & ever will, and that to the vtmost of my power, I will be a prosecuter of all such as shall any way oppose the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdome, either Papist or Seperatist, and not onely so, but I will maintaine and defend that true protestant Religion which my Father did professe: and I will still continue in, during life.

After which, his Majesty was conducted to Alderman *Garrets* House in Aldermary Church-Yard nere St. *Antholins*, where he was Royally feasted, & after Dinner he was attended with the Lord Major, the Sheriffes and others the Aldermen of the City to his Pallace at Whitehall.

But the Lord Major taking his leaue of his Majesty

day, upon his returne to his house in London, was most violently assaulted, by a multitude of Rude Citizens & other vnciuill women, amongst whom he was much abused, his Chayne broken, which was about his necke, and his Gowne torne upon his backe, whereupon the Citizens was raysed to conduct him home to his house in the old Jewry.

On the next day being Thursday and the Twelfe day, The Grand Committee of both Houses of Parliament repaired to Guild-Hall, whereafter debate of many perticuler businesses.

It was ordered that no man whatsoever, should dare to apprehend or atach the body or bodyes of any members of the House of Commons Respectiuely by any writ, power, or priviledge whatsoeuer with this protestation, that they shall incurre the displeasure of both Houses of Parliament, and the penalty and danger of their liues, that shall dare to undertake the same.

Whereupon Sergeant *Dandy*, a Messenger, and an Officer to his Majesty, was apprehended upon suspition, of having power and Commission to apprehend any of the fore-named Members of the House of Commons, who was brought before the said Grand Committee, to be examined, but upon extraordinary occasions, he was commanded to attend at Grocers Hall, where the Committees had appointed to meet the next day, in regard the Court at *Guild-hall* was to be kept the next day.

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